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AN OPEN LETTER

TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of Cart Ilitchir wrapper. that has borne and does now This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of hat Hillichies wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is

. March 8, 1897.

President.

Do Not Be Deceived.

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Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.

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Insist on Having The Kind That Never Failed You.

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AT COST FOR CASH, FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS.

\$20.00 Suits at - \$17.00 25.00 Suits at - -20.00 30.00 Suits at 25.00 \$8, \$9 and \$10 Pantaloons 6.50

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Tapestry Silk Brocatell, 100 at

\$4.75.

You want a Bedroom Suit .--We have Forty Styles. Our * \$10.00 Suits and up to \$35.00 * will surprise you.

Sideboards at \$10.00. Extension Tables at \$3.50 up to \$18.00. Couches, the finest in the County and at st

Couch at \$8.50.

Entirely New Assortment of Rockers. 3 prices right. Parlor Suits at \$15.00 to \$50.00.

We can suit you in any line. If you are looking for Bargains, give as a chance. Spot cash in buying goods puts them in our hands at Low

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HARMONIOUS MEETING.

Dr. A. M. Hume and Dr. B. S. Knapp Elected Members of the Board of Education-\$22,000 Appropriation for Next Year.

The annual meeting of the Union School District of the City of Owosso was held at the Armory Monday evening. In the absence of President Kilpatrick, Dr. A. M. Hume called the meeting to order after which Mr. Morris Osburn was appointed chairman. Upon taking the chair Mr. Osburn made a few appropriate remarks emphasizing the important and responsible position occupied by the public schools and the need that they be properly sustained.

The treasurer's report for the past year was then read and adopted, as was also that of the secretary. The former is practically included in that of the latter, hence we publish the latter in full, omitting the former. Annual report of the Secretary of the Roard of of Education for the school year of 1896-1897.

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\$235 16 The annual report of the superintendent to the school board was then presented by the secretary to the meeting as containing much valuable information concerning the condition of the schools and being of interest to the voters. Upon motion this report was also adopted and ordered placed on file. The report gives such a valuable summary of the condition of the schools that we herewith publish it in full:

Owosso, MICH., JUNE 30, 1897. TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit for your consideration a summary report for the

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The lessened attendance in the high school, as compared with the previous year, was occasioned by the small number promoted to the high school at the end of last year. A large percentage was retained in the grammar department in order to secure a higher grade of scholarship before promotion. While the required standard of scholarship has been raised, it is gratifying to know that the number not promoted is a little less than one third the number not promoted one year ago.

ENROLLMENT

The average enrollment was considerably lessened by the epidemic of measles and scarlet fever that continued more or less during one half of the school year. Rooms enrolling 55 to 60 pupils would not average our schools will not be lessened by cheapover 12 or 15 pupils for three or four weeks at a time. This matter of continued illness force. Retrogression is much more rapid has been the cause of a considerable portion of the failures at the end of the year.

Sixty or more per cent of these failures have such a large daily enrollment, and bet- character of the work. ter progress could be made with the whole school if the same cause did not exist.

The average number of pupils per teacher based on entire enrollment was 60 in the this important work. grammar grades, and 63 in the primary

Barring out three or four weeks when the the epidemic of measies was at its beight. the average number per teacher based on annual report, the secretary read the followdaily enrollment was, in grammar grades ing estimates made by the board for the ex-54, and in primary grades 55, By careful penses of the coming year after which an inquiry and compaison, I find that this ay- appropriation of \$22,000 was unanimously erage is about 20 per cent higher than in voted. This was \$225 more than the board the majority of schools in cities of our size. asked for, but is \$1,000 less than last year's In the larger cities they limit the number appropriation.

of sittings per room to 45, while the number of sittings here exceeds 55 in the ma jority of cases.

BASIS OF PROMOTIONS.

We have largely discarded the system of exan inations to determine fitness for promotion. We wish our teachers to recognize the fact that it is power to think and to do on the part of the pupil that we seek, rather than stuffing the mind with book statements. A pupil's ability to do, combined with the degree of effort that he manifests, constitutes a better criterion for promotion than any other system used.

MORE READING.

One thing greatly needed is a greater variety of good reading material for the pupils, especially in the first four grades. They could profitably use four times cas much reading matter as they now have. It would be a profitable investment for the city to own a sufficient number of sets of supplementary readers, that this serious defect might be largely overcome. We now have a few sets but \$200 expended in this direction would be as profitable an investment as the district could make.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

During the past two years there has been a large saving in the cost of school books. Readers were previously sold at publishers' list price, but other books were sold at an advance of about 20 to 25 per cent. By a special arrangement with publishers, secured through the city Board of Education, dealers can now sell all books at publishers' list price. By a change in method of instruction as well as a change in time when certain books are commenced, each pupil now uses from three to five books less in elected to succeed to Mr. Dawes. taking the whole school course than were

AN OBSTACLE. A serious obstacle to good results and of outside attractions for the pupil. From November to April there seems to be one continuous round of entertalnments. The pupil scarcely recovers from one before tainments for the young people, but we would advocate that they come in moderate doses with a proper interval for work. Unless parent co-operates with school in this respect there is a serious waste in school opportunities.

BUILDINGS.

The buildings are now so carefully looked after by those in charge that the expenditure for annual repairs has become a trifling sum outside of defective roofing, plumbing and furnace repairs.

MUSIC.

The introduction of music during the last half of the year now closing has been a step in the right direction. The expense thus far has not exceeded forty dollars, and the work has been successfully carried on in every room below high school. During the coming year some inexpensive books should be purchased by the pupils that the work may be carried forward systematically.

This work is manifest in other studies. aids in better precision in reading. The exactness required in the reading of music produces a higher degree of exactness in other things. Music is worth more than all it costs in the matter of discipline alone. It produces a harmony in all things and takes the rough edge from many things that daily

SCHOOL MANUAL.

The close of the year brought with It the publication of the School Manual, a pamphlet of 100 pages. It gave an opportunity to put into permanent shape many of the regulations and much of the school history that previously existed in circulars or in unwritten form.

The courses of study for the grades and the high school have been carefully revised. and the suggestions to teachers concerning their work embody the latest thought of the best schools. We believe our schools are up to date in every essential.

THE TEACHERS.

I feel no hesitation in saying that our teachers have worked loyally and faithfully in building up the schools. We have had a corps that was not surpassed by any other in the state. I say this from a knowledge of the facts. The same has been the freely expressed opinion of many school men and women who have examined our work. 1 regret that the offer of better salaries elsewhere is taking several of our best teachers from the city. A really good teacher cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

I sincerely hope that the high standard of than progression.

While much more could be said regarding special lines in our school system, enough

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Education and the patrons for the hearty co-operation rendered in the management of

Resp'ly,

J. W. SIMMONS.

Supt. Schools. Following the reading of Supt. Simmons'

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF Estimates for the year 1897-1898

At a meeting of the Soard of Education held Thursday, June 24, '87, the following estimates of the expenses of the schools for the ensuing year were unanimously adopted: Teachers' wages by existing contracts. \$17,425 00 Janitors' Cwo bonds of \$1,000 each due Jan 1, '98. 2,000 or nterest on bonds (\$27,000.00) 1,100 oc

\$25,885 00 1,500 00 4,100 00

Net amount to be raised by tax. \$21,785 00 J. C. Shattuck, Sec'y. The next item of business to come before the meeting was the election of two trustees to succeed Messrs. A. M. Hume and M. C.

The first ballot to elect a trustee to succeed Dr. Hume resulted in the re-election of the doctor, who received 66 votes while G. L. Taylor received 22. Total number of votes, 88.

There were several candidates to succeed M. C. Dawes, and it required three ballots to elect his successor. The votes were as follows:

First ballot-Dr. B. S. Knapp 26, J. T. Walsh 20, M. C. Dawes 18, M. Osburn 17, Total number of votes 88.

Second ballot-Dr. Knapp 41, M. C. Dawes 16, M. Osburn 15, J. T. Walsh 12, Dr. McCormick 2. Total number of votes,

Third ballot-Dr. Knapp 57, M. Osburn 9, J. T. Walsh 9, M. C. Dawes 2. Total number of votes, 77.

Dr. B. S. Knapp was thereupon declared

The only shadow of an excitement during the evening was occasioned by the question as to who constituted the legal voters at a school meeting, and when the first ballot for progress in class work is the large amount trustee to succeed M. C. Dawes was taken this was increased by the raising of the question as to whether a majority vote was required to elect or whether a plurality was sufficient. Much talk and referring to past another is launched. We believe in enter- decisions were indulged in and considerable Bay View, Tuesday — Miss Mand Simison, fun had out of the question. Finally Dr. Hume arrived on the scene with a copy of the school law when the question was once more settled that only taxpayers or parents vote for trustees, while only taxpayers could vote on appropriations, and that a majority vote was required to elect a trustee.

The meeting was one of perfect harmony and after listening to a modest little speech by Dr. Knapp, who was called to the front, and who thanked the voters for the honor and promised to do his best, the meeting adjourned in the best of spirits.

Election Carried.

The special election of last Monday did not call out a very large vote, but both propositions were carried by a large majority of the votes cast, the majorities coming nearer being three-fourth majorities than twofor the purpose of paving certain portions of the majority for paving being 464 and that for sewers being 474.



A fifty-four foot pole with a 5x10 foot American flag was raised over the school house of district No. 4, Venice, on Friday afternoon, July 2d. A pleasant program. consisting of patriotic songs and recitations by the pupils, turned the minds of all to thoughts of their country. Then Col. J. H. Moyses made one of his characteristic, stirring, patriotic speeches, which carried all with its enthusiasm. The teacher, Fred Lawcock, also made a few appropriate remarks. Much of the success of the achievement is due to the efforts of Mr. Lawcock and to Comrade Nelson Calkins.

Off For Toronto.

The Epworth Leagues of Owosso sent a delegation of eleven to the Epworth League International Convention which met yesterday and will be in session until Sunday, at Toronto, Ontario. The delegation lett ening the individuality of our teaching Owosso Wednesday morning, joining the Epworth League special train at Durand. The delegates were: Rev. and Mrs. John Sweet. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lohnes, the Misses Cora and Mae McCaul, the Messry, could be prevented if the teachers did not has been mentioned to show the progressive Roy Knapp, Wade Caiman, Vivian Cadman, and Edward Kline and Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Henderson.

Postmaster Pickert.

The nomination of Carl Pickert for postmaster at Corunna was sent to the Senate by President McKinley yesterday. The news of the appointment was well received both in Corunna and this city, as Mr. Pickert is well and favorable known by a large number of people, all of whom are highly pleased with his success. THE TIMES IS certain that Mr. Pickert will prove to be an excellent official and extends its congratulations. He will probably take charge of the office August 1st.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., N. Y.

Mrs. Julia Reed and son, Ray, left Tues-

day for Dakota, where they will spend the summer-----Mrs. Fields died here on Mon-G. L. Taylor 3, C. McCormick 1, blank 3. day. The funeral was held in the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Marshall, of Corunna, officiating-Master Ward Tilden spent the past week in Ithaca -Mr. Halsey and son, Silas, of Flint, spent Sunday at G. Case's-Miss Elsie Goff is attending school at Owosso-Monroe Harrington and wife, of Ovid, spent Sunday with his parents here-Mrs. E. T. Lee and children visited at A. Stone's this week-Mrs. Frank Tilden was in Detroit, Monday --- Mrs. Craham, of Bancroft, visited at B. Holmes', Tuesday-Mrs. G. Clark is visiting friends in Detroit -Harry Martin who has been in poor health for several months, went to Detroit Tuesday, where he will be treated by Dr. Shurly-H. B. McLaughlin and Frank

Tilden were at Frankfort, Sunday --- Mrs. G. Goss and daughter, Miss Effie, left for of Bancroft, is visiting Miss Grace Graham, in this place—N. J. Strong was in Corun-na, Monday—Miss Maggie Yerkes returned from Alma, Saturday, where she has been or guardians of children of school age could visiting-Master Warren Crane, of Detroit, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. H. Pinney, in this place-Mrs. Z. Youngs has gone to Peteskey to spend the summer-Miss Myrtie Martin was in Corunna, Monday-The annual school meeting was held Monday evening. An increase of attendance is reported. Only one change of officers, L. W. Van Alstine was elected in the place of P. Kirkhauf-B. Holmes went to Buffalo, Saturday-Dr. Barr and wife, or Detroit, visited Mrs. B's aunt, Mrs. E. Yerkes, here on Wednesday-The Congregational people held a social at the home of P. Kirkham, Wednesday evening.

Byron.

Eugene Lawrie is again sick in Detroit. thirds majorities which were required by His father, T. A. Lawrie, went there recentthe new charter. This election provides for ly on account of his illness-Mrs. Hunt, the raising, by bonding the city, of \$35,000 | mother of A. F. Hunt, is visiting in Canada -J. S. Tuckey, of Paw Paw, visited at Washington, Main and Exchange streets, E. C. Tuckey's last week-Fred Strawand of raising \$1,000 in a similar way for sine had a sun stroke last week-Fern the purpose of continuing the construction Strawsine was using a kerosene can for a of the sewers. The yote was as follows, boiler to an engine which he had constructed, when the can exploded, some part of it striking him in such a way as to hurt him considerably, and report says it came very near being serious-Henry Nichols is home from Hamilton, Ohio, on account of the serious illness of his father -- Mrs. W. Joslin is with her sister in Detroit and may go to Greenville and Ludington before returning bome-John Davison and wife visited at Drayton Plains last week-T. A. Lusk and family, of Owosso, visited at L. D. Lusk's last week-James Anderson has improved his house in appearance by a coat of paint-Mrs. H. H. Rosenkrans and daughter, Grace, are visiting at Lansing-Friday evening candidates for the third degree in masonry were initiated, followed by a banquet at the hotel and thirty of the fraternity and their wives feasted on the good things and spent an hour in social chat. All went away convinced that landchat. All went away convinced that land-lady Shepherd knows how to get up a good meal—Register Royce and wife were in town Friday and Saturday as guests at B. S. Fosket's—Mabel Fosket was home from Corunna over Sunday—John Nichols who has been troubled for several years with softening of the brain, died Wednes-day morning—A discrepatily recognil day morning——A disgraceful row, ending in a fight, occurred on the street here Tuesday. Two brothers on one side and an-other brother and a cousin on the other.

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